Master Plan-2021

*266. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of preparation of the Zonal Plans and Local Area Plans in accordance with the new Master Plan for Delhi-2021;

(b) the Zones in Delhi for which the Zonal Plans have been finalized;

(c) whether the Zonal Plan for West Delhi-(Zone G) takes into account the proposals of the "Influence Zone" along MRTS for the Barakhamba-Dwarka line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The Draft Master Plan for Delhi-2021 (MPD-2021) was published, by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on 8.4.2005 inviting objections/ suggestions from public within a period of 90 days. More than 7000 objections/suggestions have been received in response, to the Public Notice. A Board of Hearing & Enquiry under the Chairmanship of Vice Chairman, DDA has been constituted for examination of the objections/ suggestions received from public and for initiating further action under the provisions of Delhi Development Act 1957 to finalise MPD-2021.

The Draft Master Plan 2021 provides for formulation of the Zonal Plans in the form of Structure Plans. The Plan also provides for preparation of Local Area Plans of ward/sub zone by the concerned local bodies.

(b) Under the Master Plan 2001, Delhi has been divided into 15 Zones. The Zonal Development Plans have been finalised in accordance with the provisions of the existing Master Plan *i.e.* MPD-2001 in respect of Zones B,C,D,E,F and Walled City (Part Zone A& C).

(c)and(d) Draft MPD 2021 envisages re-development of a maximum upto 500 meter wide belt on both sides of Centre Line of the MRTS route as influence zone. The Influence Zone along MRTS Corridor, is to be identified on the basis of physical features such as metro, roads, drains, high tension lines, control zones of Monuments/heritage areas, and existing development, etc. for preparation of re-developmen plans by the concerned Local Bodies.

The aove guiding principles shall apply in the preparation of all the Zonal Plans including that of Zone G.

SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Sir, the hon. Minister has stated in his written reply that the Draft Master Plan for Delhi-2021 has been published. More than 7000 objections have been received, and a Board has been constituted to examine them. But, despite various Master Plans, Delhi has grown haphazardly. It is marred by illegal constructions; encroachment of public land by individuals and more so by mafia who, in connivance with the DDA and municipal authorities, have set up J.J. colonies on public land. Thereafter, these people put pressure on the Government to rehabilitate these JJ dwellers. Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to what concrete measures the Government propose to take to tackle these issues of Delhi so that it can proudly proclaim to be the capital of India.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, the hon. Member has made a number of formulations and each of them is open to discussion. But that apart, Sir, the points are well taken. We have given the draft Master Plan for 2021. As she has rightly mentioned, more than 7000 objections have been raised, and they are being heard. All her concerns will be addressed as and when we finalise the Master Plan.

SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Sir, the influence zone has identified metro roads, trains, high-tension lines, monuments, etc. But there is no mention about public places where functions, marriages, etc., could be held. In Delhi, venues for holding marriages and other functions are very inadequate. The hon. High Court of Delhi has prohibited solemnisation of marriages in farm houses. *Baraat Ghars* and banquet halls are inadequate. So, I would like to know what povisions the Government propose to make in this regard.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, she expressed concern about the public function halls. That will be taken care of when we finalise the zonal plans which, naturally, will follow the finalisation of the Master Plan.

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Sir, many incidents have cropped up regarding serious violations of the Master Plan and the guidelines to allot land at concessional rates to the educational and medical institutions by the DDA. The worst sufferers are the EWS and the poor people. Even the schools that have been allotted land at concessional rates, to take care of the EWS students, have violated that. In this situation, the DDA says that its duty is to only allot lands and nothing more than that. I would like to know whether the Minister agrees with such a reply by the DDA. It is only

to avoid responsibility. Is there any plan to curb such serious violations? What action would the Minister take to deal with this situation?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, the lands were allotted for societal purposes, such as schools and hospitals, yes, there are complaints about violations of the conditions under which these plots of land are allotted. That is being looked into. But, in future, we are trying to look at another proposition; that is, allotting land for such purposes through auction so that these problems can be pre-empted from arising.

DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Sir, the rate at which we are proceeding to finalise the Master Plan, it seems to me that it will be 2021 before the Master Plan is promulgated. But my question is: Why is the Master Plan being planned for such a long-time? It is now customary worldwide to have Master Plan for a five-year period, because the growth of cities is so rapid that it is very difficult to anticipate and plan for 20 years ahead. So, is the Government considering some kind of a vision plan to take into account, say, 20 or 25 years, ahead and within that period make specific provision of planning for five years because beyond that it is very difficult to anticipate the rate of growth?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, as of now, we have been preparing the Master Plan on the basis of 20 years. While prepaing the Master Plan, we also take note of the growth rates that are possible within each five-year time-frame. So, that is being taken care of. However, the point made by him will be taken into consideration. We have projections in regard to both the population growth and needs of the people, both on a five yearly basis and on a 20 yearly basis.

SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Sir, my question is based on the reply that the hon. Minister has given that he is going to consider a proposal to auction lands while making allotment to societies. Sir, it has been known to this House because it was debated that the allotment was made at throwaway prices to certain organisations and certain individuals. I would like to draw his kind attention to the fact that when we debated this issue, a CBI inquiry was ordered in some cases. Sir, there are poor people who are living in slums, and, then, there are organisations which are mean for very important social purposes. Is it a fact that the Minister is going to equate oranges with apples and putting auction in every place? Or, is it under consideration that the Master Plan will take into consideration the social aspects, service and the mafia coming and exploiting the prices especially ...*(Interruptions)*... It may kindly be noted that Delhi is the only place ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Minister has understood your question, he wants to answer immediately. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: I have not yet completed my question. That is why I would like to know ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He knows your question. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: What has happened to the CBI inquiry? ...*(Interruptions)*... What is the status of that inquiry? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, first of all, I was not fully understood by the hon. Member. I said, we could look at the proposition of auction in regard to allotment of lands for schools and hospitals. I did not refer to housing societies. Whatever decision that we may take, we shall take the needs of weaker sections into consideration and will formulate a special plan for them. As for the CBI inquiry, it is on, Sir. I cannot answer at what stage the CBI inquiry is.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Thank you, Deputy Chairman, Sir. The population of Delhi has crossed more than 1.2 crore. Not only that, the township has been extended to the rural areas also. A very pertinent question that hon. Member, Mr. Seelam has put is about those weaker sections of the people which are living in the rural areas. Now urbanisation is taking place and when you go through the activities of the DDA and the scandals that are coming out everyday, we can find that it is a den of corruption. This is very clear whether it is allotment of lands for schools or whether it is allotment of lands for hospitals. There is corruption in everything particularly in the last six years. ...*(Interruptions)*... When the NDA Government. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please put your question.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, I am putting my question. I want a categorical answer from the hon. Minister. ...*(Interruptions)*... On the one hand, we need accommodation for the weaker sections of the people and those who are living in slums, and on the other hand, you are giving lands at throwaway price to the affluent people. I would like to know whether the hon. Minister would cancel the allotments, which have been made by violating the rules and regulations. *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Without going into the value judgements that our hon. Member has pronounced upon the various activities, let me say that the plan for the weaker sections will be qualitatively different from the plan for development of land which will be required for affluent sections. I

see the point that valuable land in Delhi has been made available even for affluent sections at concessional rates. There is a need for change in that approach. Let me think over and come back to you.

* 267. [The questioner (Prof. R.B.S. Verma) was absent. For answer *vide page* 30 *infra.]*

*268. [The questioner (Shri C. Rama Chandraiah) was absent. For answer *vide* page 33 *infra.]*

Ban on recruitment of Safai Karamcharis

*269. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any recommendaitons of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis to lift the blanket ban imposed on recruitment of the Safai karamcharis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the other recommendations made by the above commission; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In its three-monthly progress report submitted in March, 2005, the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis has recommended that blanket ban should be lifted on the recruitment of Safai Karamcharis.

(c) Some of the major recommendations made by the Commission in its three-monthly progress report are: contract system for engagement of Safai Karamcharis should be abolished; Safai Karamcharis should be covered under the Labour Act; fresh survey of scavengers should be conducted; safety equipments should be made mandatory for Safai karamcharis; and basic amenities like drinking water, electricity, etc. should be provided to Bastis of Safai Karamcharis.

(d) As regards (b) above, there is no blanket ban on recruitment of Safai Karamcharis. The State Governments have been requested by Ministry of Urban-Employment and Poverty Alleviation to conduct fresh survey. The